

Goodness

Ethics

How to figure out the right thing to do.

Ethics or moral philosophy is the study of what is right and wrong, how we decide and why we should do those things..

Past



Aristotle said that we should live a good¹ life and this will make us happy.

384–322 BCE
1. Virtuous



Thomas Aquinas said that we can figure out what is good and when we do these things and do what God says we will be happy.

1225-1274 CE



Immanuel Kant said that we can figure out what is good for everyone and it is our duty to do these things².

1724-1804 CE
2. The Categorical Imperative



David Hume said that we know what is good from our feelings³ and that only our feelings can make us do things.

1711–1776 CE
3. Sentiments



John Stuart Mill said that useful actions are good⁴ and they will make us happy.

1806-1873 CE
4. Utilitarianism



George Edward Moore said that we just know⁵ what actions are good and if we do these things it will create more good.

1873-1958 CE
5. by Intuition

Present

Some people say we should live a good life

Virtue Ethics

Some people say we should do our duty

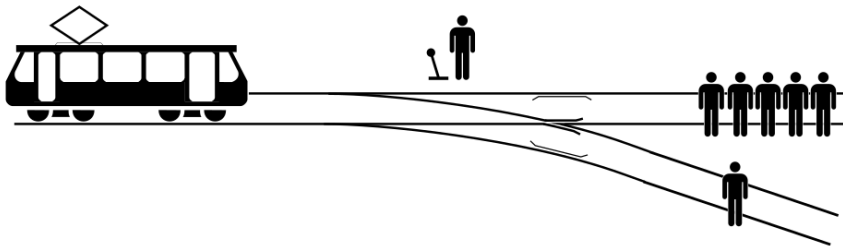
Deontology

Some people say we should do what helps the most people

Utilitarianism

Questions

The Trolley Problem



If a trolley is about to run over five people, but you can pull a stick and make the trolley only run over one person, should you pull the stick? Some people say yes because fewer people will die. Some people say no because pulling the stick means you killed the one person.